

MAYOR BARBERIO'S WEEKLY UPDATE  
Week of June 29, 2015

This upcoming weekend we are commemorating our nation's independence by celebrating with family and friends. As much as we all enjoy the traditions of the "Fourth of July", it's important to reflect on the true meaning of this holiday and how we still enjoy the blessings of liberty.

On July 4, 1776, our nation declared its freedom with the approval of the Declaration of Independence, announcing the colonies' separation from Great Britain. With this being our most patriotic of holidays, please remember that freedom is what the Fourth of July is all about and like many of you, I am proud to be an American.

Please celebrate safely and responsibly. Don't drink and drive and please do not use fireworks as you can acquire injuries in the flash of a second.

I hope to see you all at Parsippany's Fourth of July celebration on Saturday, Jul 4<sup>th</sup> at Parsippany Hills High School. Festivities begin at 7 pm with a concert by "The Trip". Fireworks begin at dark.

I would like to remind everyone that we are now in the season where a lot of road projects are underway. Please be careful and exercise caution as you negotiate around town. Many construction crews are out there working and you may encounter uneven road surfaces, loose gravel and a multitude of issues. Please be patient and expect delays. While an inconvenience, the crew is out there to improve conditions and make your future drives better.

Please pay attention to the signs, obey flagmen and keep a safe distance between your vehicle and the construction workers. And above all, please do not text or talk on your cell phones without a hand held device.

### **Recycling & Sanitation**

We can no longer pick up recycling or cardboard that is placed at the curb in plastic bags. Our vendor will not accept plastic bags as they cause damage to their equipment. Cardboard boxes can be broken down and put inside one box or they can be tied with twine.

Please mark your calendars. The Rockaway River Cleanup will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2015 (8:00 am to 12:00 noon) weather permitting!!! Everyone is welcome! There is something to do for all participants, whether you are an individual, a family, or a civic group. We will supply gloves and trash bags. More information will follow as we get closer.

### **Community Center**

Our next movie at the Parsippany Community Center will be held on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm showing comedian "Jim Gaffigan: Mr. Universe."

The Parsippany Community Center is home to many senior citizen clubs. The “Lake Hiawatha Seniors Club” held their last meeting at the Center on July 1<sup>st</sup>. They celebrated the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday with games, prizes, refreshments and good company. The “Golden Age Club” will meet on July 6<sup>th</sup>, the “Parsippany Seniors Club” will meet on July 7<sup>th</sup> and “St. Ann’s Social Seniors” will meet on July 8<sup>th</sup>. All these clubs meet at 12 noon at the Community Center on Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha, and would love new members. For information, call 973-263-7351.

Bingo has become a very popular activity and everyone is invited to participate Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Community Center starting at noon.

Our Food Pantry, located at 1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha, is in dire need of food donations. We always welcome participation from schools, church groups, clubs, scouts, and individuals. Most needed items are canned goods such as fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, poultry and soups; dry goods such as: cereal, pasta, rice, dried potatoes; peanut butter & jelly, tomato sauce, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, fruit juice, powdered or evaporated milk; condiments such as: salad dressing, mayonnaise, mustard & ketchup. Supermarket gift cards are also readily accepted.

Parsippany Emergency Food Pantry at the Parsippany Community Center, 1130 Knoll Road, Lake Hiawatha, is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Any resident who needs supplemental food is invited to call: 973-263-7163 or 973-263-7351 to pick up a ready-made bag of groceries.

The “Parsippany Farmers Market” is open every Friday from 2-7pm through Oct. 23 in the municipal parking lot at North Beverwyck Road and Minnehaha Boulevard.

### **The Parsippany PAL**

We hosted the graduation from the Fire Academy on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations to all of the new firefighters.

Bingo is held every Wednesday evening at the PAL Building at 33 Baldwin Road at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.